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FAQ for Master Hunter Second Tags:

1. Why are Master Hunter (MH) tags required for all Master Hunter special permits?

Answer: The main reason is to create consistency and to allow WDFW to easily track harvest and hunting activity under MH permits. All of the MH deer permits and the vast majority of the MH elk permits (417 out of 462 in 2013) required a second tag in the past. The decision this year is to require a second tag for all MH permit hunts, but to reduce the cost from \$66.50 for elk or \$68.00 for deer to \$22.50 for either one. The modification in the 2013 pamphlet regarding the use of either a first or second tag was a one-time allowance until the then-in-progress rule was adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Please refer to the rule language for [WAC 220-55-172](#) and [WAC 220-55-174](#).

2. How much is a Master Hunter tag and why are the Master Hunter tag prices not listed in the in the pamphlet or online?

Answer: This is a tag for a second animal and the price is \$22.50 to cover administrative costs. The intent was to avoid confusion for non-Master Hunters who are not eligible to purchase the Master Hunter tags.

3. Do I need to purchase the MH second tag before applying for a permit?

Answer: No, there is no change from the past. Only after a master hunter is drawn for a permit can they purchase a second tag.

4. How to I obtain a MH second tag?

Answer:

- Certified Master Hunters who were successfully drawn for a Master Hunter special permit are required to purchase a second tag once notified of their turn to participate in a hunt for HC hunts (hunts managed by a hunt coordinator) or at any time before they participate for all others. Any license dealer or vendor, will be able to sell a Master Hunter second tag if the previous conditions are met, however they are not available online.
- Certified Master Hunters who wish to purchase a 3911 Early Master Hunter General Season elk tag (second tag) for the Aug. 1-Oct. 24 timeframe must contact WDFW Licensing Division in Headquarters at: (360) 902-2464 or email: licensing@dfw.wa.gov.

5. What is the difference between an elk 3911 second tag (Early Master Hunter General Season Aug. 1-Oct. 24) and the new Master Hunter Second tag for use with Master Hunter special permits?

Answer: The 3911 tag is for the Early Master Hunter General Season Aug. 1-Oct. 24; while the Master Hunter second tag is for Master Hunter special permit hunts only.

6. Which Master Hunter hunts require a Master Hunter second tag?

Answer:

- A second tag is not required for the early 3911 Master Hunter General Season, Aug. 1-Oct. 24. A Master Hunter may purchase a second tag for this hunt, or they may use their general season tag. However, if a general season tag is used successfully during this season, a second tag cannot be purchased for the general season.
- Second tags are required for ~~and all~~ Master Hunter special permit hunts.
- Master Hunter second tags ~~or 3911 Master Hunter second tags~~ are not required for:
 - Elk Area 3912 / GMU 371 during Aug. 1 – Jan. 20, 2015
 - Elk Area 3911 ~~during Nov. 8 – Dec. 14~~
 - GMUs 127, 130 during Dec. 9 – 31

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7. Are Master Hunters required to report on their second tag?

Answer: Yes, hunting activity reports are required for all second tags, to track harvest and hunter activity. Reports must be submitted by January 31, or if the permit is valid beyond Jan. 31, then the report is due ten days after the permit hunt ends.

8. Was there a Master Hunter special permit hunt choice missing from the Big Game Regulations?

Answer: Yes, hunt number 2707, Skagit River in Elk Area 4941, was accidentally omitted from the pamphlet. This has been corrected in the errata sheet and on the online version of the Big Game Regulations. Master Hunters can apply for this hunt in 2014.